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President's Column

Consciousness Raising

Welcome to our new members: Sofia Aguilar, Peta Bain, Kim Begandy, Paul Rowe and Barbara Signer.

On December 17 NOW at UH had an end of the year celebration at JoAnn's home. Everyone who came was surrounded by beautiful poinsettias, delicious food (including ginger bread woman cookies complimentary of Jeanne Sommerfeld) and wonderful women's music.

On December 14 thru 16 I set up tables at UC and Satellite to sell feminist t-shirts, records, books, etc. We made close to \$40.00 profit for our chapter which is very much needed along with suppling feminist products to the university community. The products sold well and many went for gifts during the holiday season. Remember your feminist merchants for next year's holiday shopping!

NOW at UH will hold its election of officers on Tuesday, January 25 at 5:30pm at the UC. The following positions will be open: Secretary, Membership, Public Affairs, Fundraising, and Newsletter. We urge all members to consider running for a position of their choice and/or to attend this important meeting. The election will be one of two mayor concerns in the agenda of this business meeting.

All members are welcomed to staff our NOW office located in Campus Activities. Two hours are required per day but any time you can give will help. We would like to expand our files on feminist articles as well as our book collection in order to have information available to anyone interested in feminist issues. Come by and leave message if you would like to help.

We hope everyone had a wonderful winter solstice and wish everyone a good new year in 1983.

I would like to give my definition of a good year. A good year is one in which all children can live in an environment where sexism does not exist. Sounds like dreamland? Maybe so, but not an impossible one. For now, we can only imagine it, but some day it will be a reality. For now, we choose to recognize sexism, confront it by speaking out and watch what seems the forever-lasting process of change. But some day dreamland will be a reality.

I wish for a good year.

Rossann Dumas, President, NOW at UH

MONTROSE NOW WOMEN'S HISTORY PAGEANT

Montrose NOW is producing a pageant to illustrate women's contributions to history to be performed on the final day of women's history week. Among the cast of characters are such notable women as Susan B. Anthony, The Grimke Sisters, and Anne Hutchinson. If you'd like to participate in this show, please contact Peggy Hall, President of Montrose NOW, at 522-4468.

In our December issue I had mentioned the importance of starting a Consciousness Raising group at UH. At this time I would like to highlight some information taken from A Quick Rundown of Feminist CR Groups by Lee Walker on what feminist consciousness raising means, how feminist CR sessions functions and what the goals are in hopes that we can clear up any misinterpretation of what CR sessions are. Also, this information may answer any basic questions to anyone who is interested in participating in NOW at UH CR sessions.

What does Feminist CR mean?

Consciousness means personal, internalized awareness of existential reality. "Feminist consciousness" refers to such awareness as it relates to sexism. Sexism means the economic exploitation and social domination of members of one sex by the other, specifically of women by men. (Sexism includes sex-role assignments, sex-stereotyping assumptions, sex-based discrimination in society's institutions and sex-linked self-images). "Feminist consciousness raising" is the process of gaining an increased awareness of sexism and of one's self in relationship to one's sex in our society.

How does a CR function?

In general, a group consists of 5-10 people who meet regularly (usually two hours once a week for six weeks.) Each individual shares her (or his) personal experiences, observations, feelings and opinions on the particular topic for that session.

What are the goals of CR?

Each group develops its own goals. The three prevalent goals are:

1. To develop intimate bonds of friendship, trust and support, and thus, to break down the "sexist" barriers to intra/inter-sex communication, allowing people to experience each other as whole persons, rather than as stereotypical representation of their sex.
2. To create a safe environment wherein each person can develop self-pride, can overcome sex-stereotypical feelings of inadequacy and can grow toward full humanhood (e.g. so that men can learn to cry with each other, and women can learn to express rage without guilt.)
3. To provide a base of understanding upon which to understand and combat sexist oppression, and to develop the political consciousness necessary to effect needed societal reforms.

If you are interested in being part of a CR group or know someone who is, contact Rossann at 924-5177 (mornings) or JoAnn at 741-4009. If you are interested in being a facilitator, Texas NOW will have a CR facilitator training in Houston on the first week of February. Contact persons mentioned above to make arrangements. Facilitators of CR groups do not act as "leaders" for CR groups are leaderless. A CR facilitator will remain on call or join the group as an equal participant after the facilitating function has been completed. Facilitators are needed for NOW at UH CR sessions and are always in demand in other areas in Houston.

Rossann Dumas

Women's Lobby Day

On Wednesday January 19, 1983, the 68th Texas Legislature will meet with women from all over the state to participate in Women's Lobby Day 1983.

Women's Lobby Alliance has arranged for buses to carry women from Houston to Austin to participate in this event. The buses will leave Houston from Joske's - Galleria parking lot at 6:30am and arrive back in Houston at 8:00pm. While in route to Austin information briefings will be given to inform the women on how to lobby. Information packets will be provided for each participant. There will be a \$15.00 fee per person for a seat on the bus. There are some scholarship seats available. Madelaine Mauk, one of our newest members, has donated enough for two people to attend. Call Rossann about reserving one of these seats if you need some help to attend. (741-4009 JoAnn) Jeanne Saletan, president of WLA, will be able to provide information about additional space.

Upon arrival in Austin, there will be a meeting with key women legislators which includes talks on issues and bills and an optional breakfast for an additional \$5.00. At noon, Governor Mark White will address the Joint Session of the Legislature. The afternoon is reserved for visits to the legislators in their capitol offices. Appointments can be made directly with their office in advance.

If you can attend, send your check payable to :
Women's Lobby Alliance
4 Chelsea Place
Houston, TX 77006

Preliminary planning is a cooperative effort of Texas State NOW, Texas Abortion Rights Action League, and Texas Women's Political Caucus.

Penny Gutierrez

Lobbying Tips

Visiting your legislator in person is the most effective way to exert your influence. Having taken the time and effort to visit her/him clearly demonstrates the seriousness of your concern about the issues you raise. The following suggestions will help you to become an effective lobbyist.

1. Have a friendly and informal attitude towards the legislator. Be polite, yet persistent.
2. Be prepared! Know your facts and if possible, have a fact sheet available to give to the legislator. Also, know your opponents' case and be able to refute their arguments.
3. State your points clearly and concisely. Listen carefully to her/his reply. Don't let her/him evade the issue.
4. Take notes. The legislator may ask questions which you can not answer. Some research may provide the answers, which you can forward on to the legislator in a letter.
5. If the legislator is on your side, be sure to let her/him know how glad it makes both you and the voters back home. Press for a commitment!
6. Ask the legislator how the mail is running on the issue and if she/he is getting any pressure. Knowing your opponents strategy will help you plan your own.
7. If you visit the legislator in a group, appoint a leader and organize the presentation of the topics
8. Write to thank the legislator and her/his staff for their concern and time as soon as possible after your return.

(Information culled from Texas State NOW "Organizing For Influence" by Yvonne Broach, Legislative Coordinator.)

Sherri Forschler

Who Represents You?

The following is a list of Texas State Senators and Representatives in order by district number. To find out your district, look on your voter registration card or call the League of Women Voters (529-3171) and they will look it up based on your address. When you write to your legislators, address your mail to:

The Honorable _____
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78769.

If you are able to attend Lobby Day on January 19th; try to call your legislator to make an appointment to meet with them.

SENATORS:

District 6 - Lindon Williams (D) 455-2289
District 7 - Don Henderson (R) 444-0748
District 11 - Chet Brooks (D) 659-2344
District 13 - Craig Washington (D) 659-4343
District 15 - John Whitmire (D) 864-8701
District 17 - J.E. (Buster) Brown (R) 280-8522

REPRESENTATIVES:

(Old district numbers in parentheses)

District 125 (93) - Milton Fox (R) 461-6006
District 126 (94) - Barry Connelly (R)
District 127 (78) - Ed Emmett (R)
District 128 (96) - Tony Polombo (D) 453-6336
District 129 (17) - Ed Watson (D) 479-8408
District 130 (100) - Randy Pennington (R)
District 131 (81) - Ron Wilson (D) 738-5145
District 132 (80) - Paul Colbert (D) 728-0480
District 133 (91) - Robert (Bob) Eckels, Jr. (R)
District 134 (90) - Brad Wright (R) 664-5568
District 135 (92) - Mike Toomey (R)
District 136 (83) - Ashley Smith (R)
District 137 (79) - Debra Danburg (D) 520-8068
District 138 (82) - David Petronella (D)
District 139 (84) - Clint Hackney (D) 681-1711
District 140 (95) - Gene Green (D) 691-2727
District 141 (89) - Senfronia Thompson (D) 633-3390
District 142 (88) - El Franco Lee (D) 675-0004
District 143 (87) - Al Luna (D) 926-1774
District 144 (99) - Erwin Barton (D) 475-2899
District 145 (97) - Ralph Wallace (D) 644-2359
District 146 (85) - Al Edwards (D) 741-6700
District 147 (86) - Larry Evans (D)
District 148 - Roman Martinez (D)
District 149 - Talmedge Heflin (R)
District 150 - Paul Hilbert (R)

Bills to Watch For!

The following bills are among those prefiled for the 1983 Texas Legislative session which are of interest to feminists. Be sure to use the bill number when requesting copies from the State Capitol. Yvonne Broach, President of HANOW and Legislative Coordinator for TX NOW, prepared the list from which this information is excerpted. (Sponsors names appear in parentheses)

- *SB 27 - (Farabee): To allow positive as well as negative comments on proposed textbooks if reviewer appears in person at hearings.
- *HB 71 - (Willis): To compel spouses to testify against each other in criminal cases.
- *HB 111 - (Hudson): To repeal Tx statute 21.06 which makes certain sexual conduct illegal and has already been ruled unconstitutional in one court case.
- *HB 75 - (Willis): Adds fee to marriage licenses for the enforcement of child abuse laws.
- *HB 108 - (Hudson): To create state day care centers
- *HB 28 - (G. Green): Concerns procedures to establish emergency custody for children who are victims of sexual abuse.
- *SB 17 - (Brown): Would require mothers with 3+ children above a certain age to enroll in "community work experience" to continue to receive AFDC for the children.

Unemployed women too easily lost in the figures



AT LARGE
Ellen Goodman

Stories begin to appear about husbands who have lost jobs while wives have not, as

if the economy were engaged in some giant role reversal

BOSTON — As Congress quarreled its way to a conclusion, the fate of assorted job bills rose and fell like a barometer in a political storm system.

For a fortnight, the economists and politicians discussed every detail of their bills: make-believe work and real work, the private sector and public works, the cost of unemployment and the cost of government programs. But hardly a word was heard about one odd little secret. All these job bills were actually "men's job bills."

THE BASIC FACT SKEWING these plans is that 98.3 percent of construction workers in this country are male. So when the Congress talked about funding jobs to repair highways and bridges and mass transit, they were really talking about funding male jobs. When they wrangled over gas tax, they were raising money that would eventually pay the wages of skilled male labor.

There is nothing wrong with supporting jobs for men. Nor is there anything wrong with improving our highways. Women's axes also go bump in the night.

But we're in hard times, and in hard times we talk about putting the breadwinners back to work and think of breadwinners as men. In hard times it's just too easy for unemployed women to become invisible.

HARVARD HISTORIAN SUSAN WARE, who has written about the fate of American women in the 1930s, says: "I keep sitting here being struck again and again by the parallels with the Depression. This is exactly what happened in the 1930s. They helped the men and forgot that women were also unemployed, only they were in different jobs."

During the Depression years, somewhere between 2 million and 4 million women were unemployed. Too many of them faded into the wallpaper. As Dr. Ware points out in her book, *Holding Their Own*, the female unemployed, laid off one by one rather than in massive factory shifts, were not seen in breadlines or flop houses.

No one noticed them. Some became "housewives," 145,000 or more became homeless wanderers, and still others shut themselves in rooms until their money and food ran out.

WHEN THE ROOSEVELT ADMINISTRATION set up the first jobs program, it was also for large-scale construction work and public projects. It was up to the women in the New Deal, especially Eleanor Roosevelt, to remind the men that women, too, needed work.

Even so, only 300,000 of the 4 million people at work for the Civilian Works Administration in January 1934 were women. Of all the workers in the WPA, only 13-19 percent were women and over half of them worked in sewing rooms. For most of its existence, the Civilian Conservation Corps for unemployed youth was limited by law to men.

At the same time, the attitudes toward working married women turned sour, even hostile. In 1936, when George Gallup asked the American public whether wives of working men should hold jobs, 82 percent said no. By 1939, 77 percent of the schools, 84 percent of the insurance companies and 65 percent of the banks all had restrictions on married women working.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE clairvoyant, you don't even have to be a historian, to feel this happening again.

Today the television cameras shoot film outside the factories where a hundred men are being laid off, rather than outside the smaller businesses where women lose work one by one. The president suggests that it's not the recession causing a rise in unemployment, but the increase of so many women in the marketplace.

Stories begin to appear about husbands who have lost jobs while wives have not, as if the economy were engaged in some giant role reversal. Few remind us that the unemployment rate among men is only one point higher than among women. Still fewer remind us that now, as in the '30s, women retain jobs only when (and because) they work in the low-paid female job ghettos where men do not apply.

FINALLY THE CONGRESS BEGINS to think about jobs . . . for men.

I am not trying to suggest that men and women should become competitors for jobs. We're too interdependent for that. A jobs program for men also helps the bulk of women who live in families where men are the higher wage-earners.

Similarly, at a time when 52 percent of the women in this country work, when one out of six families is being maintained by women, when the bulk of young families depend on two workers to survive, it just won't do to forget about women.

It took decades, for the women who work to become visible. Now we have to "see" the women who are out of work.

U.S. medical schools increase enrollments

CHICAGO (UPI) — The number of students enrolled in medical schools across the nation increased just 1.5 percent last year and the number of women continues to grow, the American Medical Association said Thursday.

In the 82nd Annual Report on Medical Education in the U.S., the AMA said 66,495 medical students were enrolled during the 1981-82 academic year — up from 65,497 the year before.

First-year enrollment increased by less than 1 percent. The total enrollment included 84 students from Canada and 914 students from other countries.

The number of applicants for the 1981-82 academic year was 36,727, a slight increase over the previous year. Only 17,286 applicants were accepted.

It was the first increase in the number of applicants since 1978, but still 13.8 percent less than the peak year of 1974-75.

"The number of women entering medical school continues to grow," the report said.

There were 5,343 women in the entering class for the 1981-82 academic year, an increase of 7.5 percent over the previous year — representing almost 31 percent of all entering medical students.

This is more than three times the percentage of women entering medical school in 1969 when enrollment of women in medicine began to increase.

The number of women applicants during the 1980-81 academic year increased by about 9.7 percent. More than 45 percent were admitted.

Of all medical students enrolled in the 1981-82 academic year, 18,555 — or 27.9 percent — were women. Of the 15,085 graduates, 3,981 — or 25 percent — were women.

The total number of minority students enrolled in medical schools in 1981-82 was 9,303.

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Protect Your Rights

At What Costs Constitutional Rights?

January 22nd of this year marks the tenth year anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade. This landmark case declared that women had a constitutional right to privacy which included the right to obtain an abortion under certain circumstances. For more information about the case itself and some current cases which attempt to limit women's reproductive rights, please see the following article. Since this case was decided, anti-choice groups have focused on this date to visibly protest the right of women to control their own lives. Therefore it is essential that NOW at U.H. be visible on this day also -- to confirm the justice of the Supreme Court decision, to ensure that we do not lose any of these rights through complacency and to make this constitutional right a de facto right for all women in this country.

Last year amid much controversy, the County Commissioners refused to authorize a budget for Jefferson Davis Hospital which included funds which would have been available to indigent women who had decided to obtain an abortion. This means that in Harris County today there is no way for a woman to obtain a legal, safe abortion if she is poor. Poor women are being denied their constitutional right to privacy because of the private morality of public officials.

NOW at U.H. has decided to hold a "canister" day on Friday, January 21st. The primary purpose of this is to raise money for indigent women who have decided to obtain an abortion in Harris County. The money raised would be donated to a local clinic. The secondary goal is achieving a high visibility to educate people about the virulent right-wing attacks reproductive rights are under.

Basically, NOW would have three tables set up on campus -- one at the U.C., one at the Satellite and one at the back of Ezekial Cullen -- from 11-2. Volunteers staffing these tables would request donations and provide information. If we can generate enough volunteers, then we can have people standing at all places where there is heavy pedestrian traffic requesting donations.

Please give your time on this one day to make the U.S. Constitution a reality of all women regardless of their economic circumstances!

The final planning meeting for this event will be January 4th at 7pm at JoAnn's house. Please call me if you need directions or additional information. Jeanne: H=726-9828; W=799-1234 x 591 or 373.



Reproductive Rights and the Constitution

Unlike most countries of the world, women in the United States have a guaranteed right to choose to have a safe and legal abortion. This right is found in the 14th and to a lesser degree the 9th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the highest law of the land. The right to choose an abortion is implied in the right to privacy which the Supreme Court has declared implicit in these amendments to the Constitution. The Court declared abortion legal in certain circumstances in the landmark case of Roe v. Wade on January 22, 1973.

Women do not have the right to abortion on demand in this country despite what anti-choice groups maintain. Basically the Court declared that during the first trimester of pregnancy, a woman has the right to choose to have an abortion in consultation with her doctor without interference from the state. During the second trimester, the state may regulate abortion procedures as they relate to the "preservation and protection of maternal health." This would include regulations as to where an abortion may be obtained, who may perform an abortion. During the final trimester of a pregnancy, the state may consider both the health of the mother and of the fetus she is carrying. The state may therefore "go so far as to proscribe abortion during (this) period except when it is necessary to preserve the life and health of the mother."

However, the rights described above are by no means secure. On the national level, so-called Human Life Amendments and bills are introduced each session in efforts to change the actual text of the Constitution. In the Texas State Legislature last session, over 20 anti-choice bills were introduced -- and defeated. Many current court cases and legislative proposals attempt to restrict access to abortion by women who are legally minors and by women who are poor.

Currently the Supreme Court is considering five such cases, decision to be announced this spring. The Court will be ruling on the constitutionality of these issues among others:

- Whether second trimester abortions must be performed in hospitals;
- Whether a 24-hour waiting period between scheduling and performing of an abortion can be made mandatory;
- Whether parental or judicial consent for minors can be required; and
- Whether doctors can be forced to "inform" their patients "facts" they may not agree with -- such as the fetus is a human life from the moment of conception.

The majority of Americans polled in recent years have consistently agreed that abortion should be a decision made by a woman and her doctor. But a minority is trying to make its religious beliefs the law of this country. The make-up of the Supreme Court has changed since Roe v. Wade was decided so the outcome of these cases is by no means guaranteed. Whatever the Court's decision, it is certain that we will have to remain vigilant to protect what rights we do now have and strong to win the rights of self-autonomy currently denied to us.

Jeanne Sommerfeld

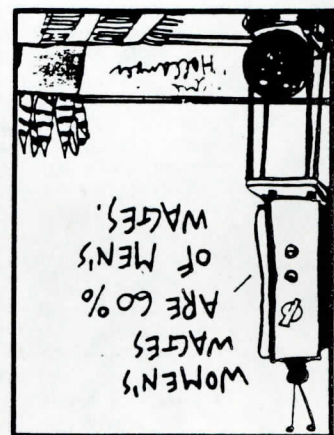
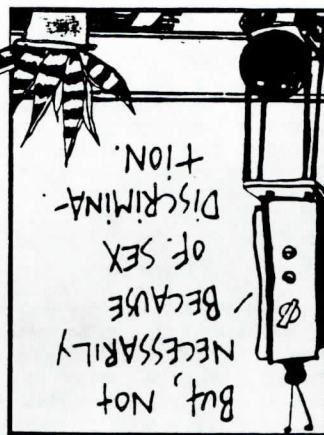
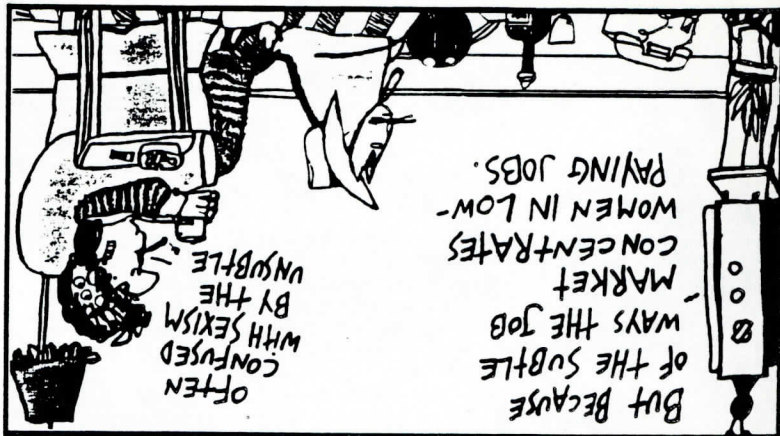


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Calendar

- Sun. Jan. 9 - JC/WIN (Judy Chicago/Words and Images Network) Gallery Opening Celebration of The Birth Project. 2-4pm; 1728 Bissonnet, 528-1753.
- Sun. Jan. 9 - Women's History Week planning meeting. 5-7pm; Houston Area Women's Center.
- Tue. Jan. 11 - NOW at UH Business meeting. Lobby Day, January 21 event will be discussed. 7pm; UC.
- Wed. Jan. 19 - Women's Lobby Day - Trip to Austin, see page 3 for more info. PLEASE TRY TO GO.
- Fri. Jan. 21 - NOW at UH Commemoration of 1973 Roe vs. Wade Decision, see page 5 for more info. 11-2. PLEASE PARTICIPATE ON THIS IMPORTANT EVENT.
- Tue. Jan. 25 - NOW at UH Business meeting. Election of officers, 5:30pm; UC.
- Thru Jan. 15 - Texas Women: A Celebration. Showing at the Museum of Natural Science.
- Every Sun. in January Women's Health Workshop at the Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin; 10-11am, see more info.

February Newsletter Dates

Sun. Jan. 23, 2pm
 Creating the Newsletter
 Helping Each Other Write.

Articles must be turned to the Editor by the Jan. 25th NOW at UH Business Meeting.

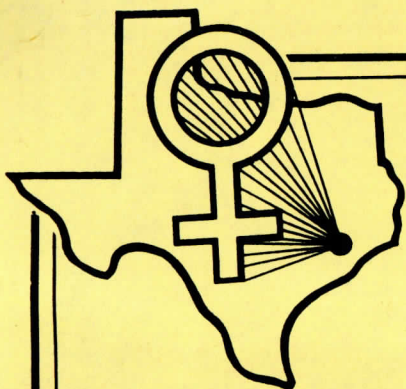
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The Member Organizations of the

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invite you to join

SISSY FARENTHOLD

and

JANICE BLUE

at a special screening of

SISSY FARENTHOLD: A TEXAS CHRONICLE

Monday January 17, 7:00 p.m.

First Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin

Admission: \$5

The Women's Lobby Alliance is proud to present this remarkable film, which documents Sissy Farenthold's early career and her campaign for the governorship of Texas. Both Sissy Farenthold and filmmaker Janice Blue will be on hand for the screening. Soft drinks, wine and cheese will be available.

Tickets will be sold at the door, but you may reserve your seats by mailing this form to the Women's Lobby Alliance, 4 Chelsea Place, Houston, Texas, 77006. All proceeds will benefit the Women's Lobby Alliance, a network of 26 Houston area organizations that conducts joint lobbying campaigns, monitors legislation and sponsors political action workshops.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOW IN HOUSTON/TEXAS

March 1983 marks the 13th anniversary of the National Organization for Women (NOW) in Houston. Since this was the first chapter formed in the state, we can also celebrate 13 years of NOW in Texas.

Dr. Sally Hacker held a public meeting in February at Autry House. Newspaper reporting announced another meeting to be held in March at her home. At this meeting, ten people joined NOW and we formed a new chapter, just in time to send Bart Hacker to Chicago as our Delegate to the third National Conference. The ten charter members were:

Dr. Sally Hacker, TRIMS	president	Ardine Sindo
Dr. Bart Hacker, NASA	secretary	Barbara Lane-Farley
Cathy House	vice president	
Dr. Milton Lower, UH		Ann Lower
Dr. Donna Fox, UH		
Barbara Settle	treasurer	Peggy Hall

One of the very first actions the chapter undertook was to testify before the newly created Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The intent of the Commission in traveling around the country documenting patterns of racial discrimination was to correct a long-standing ill. The law included sex as a category of prohibited employment discrimination, but there had previously been little testimony on discrimination against women. In June, 1970, the commission got an earful!

August 26th, 1970 was the "golden" anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. We in NOW thought it would be appropriate to celebrate 50 years of suffrage. --WRONG-- When we held a demonstration in front of the Federal Building we were greeted by a counter-demonstration, guerilla theater-like, organized by a group calling itself the Harriet Tubman Brigade. The Brigade was a brainchild of Space City News staffers.

Several of the early members led the way back to school. They were part of the effort at the University of Houston that resulted in the provision of day care services for the children of students and faculty. The University of Houston was the site of our first celebration of International Women's Day. Joreen was our featured guest.

NOW members were primarily responsible for a series of lectures at the College of the Mainland. The interest generated by these discussions led to the formation of the Bay Area Chapter.

We also helped the first woman candidate for the school board in Spring Branch, Joan Hanlon. Her supporters and campaign workers went on to form the Northwest NOW chapter. Houston NOW members helped start the Rape Crisis Coalition. The City Health Department created and eventually funded several new positions for the Detection, Prevention and Treatment of Rape. This department has developed a widely used evidence kit, opened up many more hospitals to the treatment of rape victims and maintained a continuing liaison with both the police department and the district attorney's office.

Welcome to our new members, Rob Applegate & Lynn Campbell. Our membership continues to grow and this is very positive. I encourage all our members (new & old) to attend our monthly meetings to help make this chapter, which you already support, an effective source for changes in the status of women on this campus (and nationwide).

Wilma Scott Heide was on UHCC as our guest speaker honoring Susan B. Anthony's birthday. She was an inspiration to our feminist spirit. We were delighted to have her share her knowledge and humor as a grass-roots feminist organizer. I would like to thank Jo Ann Evansgardner and Gerry Gardner for their support in making this event possible. We had a good audience (140+) but we did not make back our costs for the reception afterwards. Worried about the low ticket sale, we invited people to come and "make a donation they could afford." More hopefully, the sale of T-shirts is encouraging. (see advertisement)

At our February 22nd NOW at UH business meeting, we discussed plans for Women's History Week, March 6 - 12, coordinated by Cindy Funderburke. We hope you will join us in celebrating by attending the daily lectures (see Calendar). Come by the NOW office (UC underground) to pick up flyers and help us post them throughout the campus and at off campus locations.

At our March 29th NOW at UH meeting, we will be voting on whether or not to renew our membership in the Women's Lobby Alliance (WLA) for 1983. Please attend to voice your opinion on this matter (and others) which have a great effect on all of us.

Rossann Daumas
President, NOW at UH

Houston and Texas NOW members were instrumental in the early (March 30, 1972) Texas Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. The Seventh National NOW conference was held here in Houston in 1974. That Houston had a strong feminist history, was centrally located, southern, and in an ERA ratified state were all important in choosing Houston as the site for the 1977 United States Conference on International Women's Year.

This brief review of our history leaves out so much more than can be included that it is painful. But our perhaps most important achievement has not been recorded. I refer to what has occurred in the minds and hearts of millions, many of whom are not even NOW members and some of whom undoubtedly say, often, "I'm not a feminist, but ---." Before NOW, most people had not even heard the term feminist. We have educated ourselves and our generation on the meaning and injustice of sexism, and recruited thousands to action to end it, in and out of NOW.

In Texas there are 7,593 NOW members according to the latest report from national. There is still work to be done.

Peggy Hall

REFLECTIONS

On February 7, 1983, Dr. Nan Bruckner committed suicide. Dr. Bruckner was a professor of Psychology and Women's Studies at the University of Houston at Clear Lake, a feminist therapist and an active member of the Houston feminist community for the past seven years. I don't want to use this space to talk about Nan's personal past nor to eulogize her roles and participation in feminist causes.

What I want to communicate is a resolution that I have made as a result of Nan's death. Nan was very good at being supportive of women, helping them through trials, encouraging them to achieve. It would be presumptuous of me to say that she was not as good at reaching out or accepting support. I did not know her that well.

What I do know too well is that we are all guilty of not supporting each enough - of not making a phone call or not writing a note to let someone know that we appreciate an action they have taken or effort they have made. Sometimes it is because we assume they already know they did well. Sometimes maybe it is because we are afraid that we will be asked to help and already feel guilty about not being able to do more. Whatever the reason, in retrospect, it may not be good enough. Most of our members are testing their limits - we go to school, hold jobs, try to maintain personal relationships and want to change the world. None of us can give all the time, energy and money to feminism that we would like to. But we all have enough time to let the people who have the time to take to be active that we are there in the background cheering their successes, supporting their efforts. If you do not have the time at this period of your life to actively fight for feminism, don't feel guilty. But do remember to be supportive of those who can be active.

Jeanne Sommerfeld

WE ARE NOT ALWAYS

Melanie Perish

We are not always the wise woman
the stanch healer, the constant midwife,
the one who culls the herbs
into the magic poultice

We are not always mother and daughter,
the strong hands, the nipple's sweetness,
the arms that rock and rock
and give when need demands it.

We are not always earth and water
nor two sheaves of wheat
nor shells wet with repetitious waves,
the salt rim fresh on the thin smooth lip.

Sometimes we are the spinsters
who turn the wheel, but do not spin,
the mother's nag, the daughter's wanton anger.
Sometimes you are the runaway river,

the river that threatens my field;
I am the wave that hurls its crest
like rocks
against your clapboard beach house.

Like atoms
we move,
owning weight, mass, momentum.
We are not always anything but ourselves.

Sinister Wisdom V 20

Long-time feminist and disarmament activist Alva Myrdal of Sweden has received the Nobel Peace Prize. The 80-year old Myrdal, who is campaigning for nuclear-free zones in Europe, says she hopes the award will encourage other peace activists around the world.

-Hersay

NEW STRUCTURE FOR ACTIONS BY NOW AT UH

At the February 22nd business meeting, we discussed establishing four committees. The new committees would provide channels for members to get involved in specific areas of interest or get information they need. The following committees received support, each being represented by a chairperson with responsibilities as follows:

1. Outreach and Education Committee, (possible chairperson, Rossann Daumas). This committee would focus on programs, information tables and scheduling monthly programs (lectures) on campus.

2. Action Committee, (possible chairperson, Jeanne Sommerfeld). This committee will focus on legislative alerts, protests, guerilla theatre, etc.

3. Organization Facilitation Committee, (possible chairpersons: Sherri Forschler, Jo Ann Evansgardner). This committee is necessary to keep the chapter in operation in an organized way and will focus on updating membership, keep updating records with national and state, chapter records and accounting.

Existing chapter structures not under consideration for change include the offices of Public Relations, Helen Wilma Ortiz, and Public Affairs, Lucretia Copeland, which is not to suggest that they don't need helpers also. At our next meeting we should continue these discussions on how to support, facilitate, recognize and reward involvement in chapter actions by old as well as new members.

Jeanne Sommerfeld

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION FORM

NOW at the University of Houston
&
Montrose NOW

(Please check blanks as appropriate for you.)

1. ☐ I wish to join the National Organization for Women,
☐ NOW at the University of Houston Central Campus or
☐ Montrose NOW chapter. (Dues for NOW are on a sliding scale from \$11 to \$35. (This amount is divided among Chapter, Texas NOW, and National NOW. Please send an amount for your dues according to your circumstances.)

2. ☐ Enclosed are my dues in the amount of \$ ____.

Make your check payable to
NOW at U.H. or Montrose NOW
and send to:

NOW at U.H. Box 509, University Center, 4800 Calhoun Houston, TX 77004	Montrose NOW 1803 Fairview Houston, TX 77006
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3. ☐ I do not want to join NOW at this time, but I would like to subscribe to this newsletter. Enclosed is \$5.00 for one year's subscription.

4. ☐ I would like to talk to someone to get more information about NOW. Best time to call is _____

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

TOWN, STATE, ZIP _____

PRECINCT NUMBER _____ (from voter registration card)

HOME PHONE _____ OTHER PHONE _____ (hours) _____

UH Campus Mail Address & ext. _____

(This can be mailed free via CAMPUS MAIL to campus address above.)

WHY MARCH 8?

On March 8, 1857, women from the garment and textile industry in New York staged a demonstration protesting low wages, the 12-hour workday, and increasing workloads. They called for improved working conditions and equal pay for all working women. Their march was dispersed by the police, some of the women arrested, some trampled in the confusion.

• Three years later, in March of 1860, these women formed their own union and called again for these demands to be met.

• On March 8, 1908, thousands of women from the needles-trade industry demonstrated for the same demands, plus some new ones: legislation against child labor and for the right of women to vote.

• In 1910, the German labor leader Clara Zetkin proposed that March 8 be proclaimed International

Women's Day in memory of those earlier struggles of women for better lives.

• Over the next 60 years, March 8 was celebrated mostly in socialist countries. By 1967, the day began to be celebrated by some groups in the United States.

• In 1970, owing to the growing women's liberation movement, events were planned to celebrate the day in most of the major cities of the United States.

• In the past five years it has become a widely celebrated day for most women's organizations and groups. Rallies, forums, panels, conferences, demonstrations, radio programs, media shows, and school programs will all be part of the 1983 celebration of women's rights and their contributions to the history and culture of the world.

—Berkeley Unified School District

Women's Studies Program



Women's History Week

"Women's experience encompasses all that is human; they share - and have always shared - the world equally with men."

Gerda Lerner

Throughout the history of our world women of all races, ages, cultures, and religious faiths have made innumerable contributions to the advancement and civilization of people. Many of these efforts have gone unrecognized because history has been recorded from a masculine perspective. This interpretation of history leaves us with only half the picture of an experience which includes both women and men.

Women's History Week, March 6-12, has been set aside to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of women in history. The idea of celebrating Women's History Week was first initiated by members of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women (Santa Rosa, CA) in 1978. By 1981, the week which includes International Women's Day was proclaimed by a joint resolution of Congress an official observance. For 1983 Rep. Barbara Mikulski (D.- MD) and Sen. Orrin Hatch (R. - UT) introduced the following resolution which became law.

"... Whereas American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of our nation's life by constituting a significant portion of the labor force in and outside the home

... Whereas despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the body of American history:

NOW, therefore, let it be resolved ... that the week beginning March 6, 1983, is designated "Women's History Week" and the President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

On Monday through Friday during the week of March 16, 1983, NOW at UH will participate in Women's History Week by presenting a series of lectures beginning at 12 noon at the A. D. Bruce Religion Center at the University. The complete list of speakers and topics will be found in our FEMINIST CALENDAR FOR MARCH. See also the enclosed flyer.

Cindy Funderburke
Helen Wilma Ortiz

HISTORY? HERSTORY? OURSTORY!

Some sage has observed that those who do not know their own history are condemned to relive it. When one thinks about women and "history", it is clear that for millenia we have, women and men, "relived" a history that excluded women from consideration. More specifically, those of us who are feminists have historical origins which we ignore at great peril. The bibliography that follows is culled from a much longer list I would have liked to include. Each entry is "a good read" as well as essential to our understanding. I suggest choosing from the early part of the list first.

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Judge bars 'squeal rule' enforcement

NEW YORK — A federal judge, saying teen-age pregnancies would be certain to rise, Monday barred the government from enforcing a rule that clinics must notify parents when their young daughters get birth control help.

The controversial regulation covering health clinics that get federal funds was scheduled to take effect Feb. 25, but U.S. District Judge Henry F. Werker enjoined the Department of Health and Human Services from enforcing the rule until a trial is held.

"The parental notice requirement is invalid because it contradicts and subverts the intent of Congress," Werker said. "Common sense dictates but one conclusion: the deterrent effect of the regulation will cause increased adolescent pregnancies."

Werker also said that as a result, "many maladies, including venereal disease, will not be prevented, detected or treated."

The regulation — branded a "squeal rule" by its foes — has been attacked by family planning and medical groups and state agencies that have argued it would discourage teen-agers from seeking birth control.

The requirement orders clinics receiving federal funds under the family planning law to tell parents within 10 working days when their daughters age 17 or younger get prescriptions for birth control pills, diaphragms or intrauterine devices.

The Reagan administration says parents have a right to know what their children are doing and says the rule is justified by Congress' declaration it wants to encourage "family participation" in birth control decisions.

Claire del Real, a Health and Human Services spokesman in Washington, said officials would have no comment until they receive the New York judge's order.

Asked if it would be obeyed, he replied, "We're very law-abiding citizens."

At the Justice Department, there was no immediate word on whether there would be an appeal.

The New York state Health Department, various health groups and state Attorney General Robert Abrams argued that the regulation would reverse progress made in reaching adolescents who need family planning services and in "stemming the tide of unwanted adolescent pregnancies."

Werker agreed and said statistical and medical evidence shows the requirement would deter youths from obtaining family planning services.

Even without birth control, he said, "adolescents will not abstain from sexual activity."

About 5,000 clinics nationwide would be covered by the rule, and family planning officials say the regulation could affect more than 400,000 teen-age girls.

ODESSA (AP) — By one vote, the City Council has rejected a proposal to require notification of parents when their minor children receive prescription birth control pills or devices.

Following the lengthy, emotional debate between ordinance supporters and opponents Tuesday, the council voted 3-2 to turn down both the proposal and an attempt to place the question on the April 2 city ballot as a referendum.

Planned Parenthood, which has a rent-free office in a city building, says that the notification law would violate constitutional rights to privacy, discriminate against females, and deny potential clinic clients access to services.

Getting ready for Rosson

Before Gov. Mark White nominated El Paso housewife Peggy Rosson to the Public Utility Commission, the PUC, perhaps in anticipation, proposed some changes in its rules. One change would delete "sexist" language, such as the pronoun "he" and the word "chairman" from the rules. According to the Texas Register, the public benefit of the proposed rule "will be assurance that no section of the rule implies sexual discrimination toward any job in the commission."

NOW leader extradited to Louisiana

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. George Deukmejian ordered Ginny Foat, the president of the state chapter of the National Organization for Women, extradited to Louisiana to face charges of murdering a man in 1965. Ms. Foat, who has been held at a California prison, has said she is innocent of the charges.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE NOW AT UH MEMBERS

Laura Linn, recently appointed to the Committee on the Status of Women at the University of Houston.

Sammie Cohen, recently appointed as TARAL's Houston Coordinator.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

A Feminist Call to Action

As women, as feminists, we abhor violence and we intend to share our perspective on violence against people, particularly women, and our planet. Sexism, a learned and unnatural phenomenon, is one of the root causes of violence.

The use of violence is an acknowledgment of impotence, and war (organized violence) is collective impotence disguised as strength. Militarism is not human nature but habit patterns inherent in patriarchy which intrinsically results in dominant and subordinate groupings.

The male 'leaders' now have the technology and the obscene irreverence for life to risk and plan total destruction in the name of 'national interest.' Feminists know there are dynamic, life-affirming alternatives.

Those who have nurtured life and cherished this good earth know that most boys and men have learned how to dominate and control; now all of us must learn to nurture. Feminism affirms the feminine, which is the more humane in both sexes, in private and public policies.

Feminism denies that a war economy is healthy, that militarism creates security, and that peace is possible without justice. Feminism is the most radical critique of our time, going beyond change in casts of characters to rescripting our lives and creating the very dynamics of peace.

In this most critical time we call our sisters to action:

- * to resist the militarism of patriarchy
- * to resist the involuntary servitude of the draft for women or men
- * to inform ourselves about tax resistance as a way of keeping our dollars from doing what our bodies refuse to do
- * to oppose nuclear madness

WOMEN HAVE SERVED. WOMEN MUST ALSO LEAD.
TOGETHER WE HAVE THE POWER!

The Daily Cougar recently ran ads sponsored by Finger's Furniture, Maxell Tapes and Columbia Pictures. This picture in the ad, which appeared most recently on February 20, showed only part of a young woman's body, that between the waist and the knees. (That in itself suggests that the woman is to be seen only as a sex object, since it is obviously not a bathing suit ad.) The ad depicts four men penetrating the woman's body with a flagpole, as if to conquer or more precisely, suggestive of gang rape. It had appeared before in the Cougar on February 4th and 11th, and the Cougar received several complaints about it, both verbally and in the letters to the Editor section. As a result of these complaints, NOW at UH received a letter from the Associate Dean of Students, Julius Gordon, stating that "The Cougar is sensitive towards the needs of the entire campus community" and inviting NOW members to a meeting February 18th. On Friday, four NOW members, Deborah Bell, Effie Feld, Laura Linn, and Madeline Mauk, met with Julius Gordon, Wayne Scott, the manager of Student Publications, and several Daily Cougar staff members.

At this meeting NOW members explained their distress with the type of advertising that the Cougar accepts and tried to raise the consciousness of those present concerning advertising that depicts sexual abuse and relegates women to an inferior status. At the end of this meeting, Julius Gordon expressed his opinion that he saw nothing wrong or "offensive" about the ad and questioned NOW members' (and therefore the University community's) "right" to "dictate" his responsibility (to him) concerning the issue.

We argue that it is not only the right but the responsibility of every student, faculty, and staff member to question the role of any administrator of the University in regard to assaults on the human dignity of members of the University community, and to try to correct any failures in judgment that we perceive. The argument really is over whether these ads demean women. As women and feminists, we find such ads to be dangerous to women, because they communicate the notion that it is OK to misuse women's bodies as objects, and damaging to men who are made less human as they are subtly indoctrinated with this ideology about the proper use of women.

The University of Texas Guidelines used by the Daily Texan were introduced by NOW members for consideration by the Daily Cougar staff when deciding on the acceptance of future ads. Included in the general standards which govern the acceptability of advertising by Texas Student Publications (TSP) are: 1) The TSP does not accept advertising which, in its judgment, contain attacks of a personal, sexist, racial or religious nature; 2) no advertising will be accepted which subjugates either sex to an inferior role; 3) the authority in determining whether or not an advertisement or series of advertisements is acceptable is delegated to the general managers of Texas Student Publications. Advertisers and/or interest groups have the right to appeal the decision to a review committee.

Wayne Scott agreed to look at these guidelines and take them into consideration. Although not everybody saw the problem in the same light, he said that after it was brought to his attention by NOW members, he saw how the ad is offensive. Some Daily Cougar staff said they feel they cannot please everyone or avoid offending anybody every time they publish an ad.

As someone deeply concerned about this issue, I believe that the least the University should do is to formally adopt guidelines that

- prohibit advertising that contains "attacks of a personal, sexist, racial or religious nature" or which "subjugates either sex to an inferior role" and
- defines the rules for responsibility and decision making when there are complaints or challenges about particular ads.

I encourage all who share this view to express their opinion to the Daily Cougar and to me.

Madeline Mauk
Committee for Non-sexist Advertising in the Daily Cougar



GUIDELINES:

HOW TO WRITE A LETTER TO PROTEST AN ABUSIVE IMAGE

(The following is excerpted from Write Back/Fight Back! a packet produced by Women Against Violence in Pornography & Media(WAVPM)*)

Taking time to write a letter of protest means you want your opinions to be understood; you want to produce a change - therefore, as angry as you may be, your letter should present your ideas reasonably and as non-threateningly as possible. Some helpful tactics:

- Use the business letter format
- Identify yourself as an authority - e.g. "Because I am a woman, I know this ad misrepresents women's true feelings"
- Be specific - describe the offensive image and enclose a copy if possible. State why you object - e.g.
 - it perpetuates the myth that women want to be objects;
 - it has implications for our real lives: it increases the likelihood that we will be raped, battered, sexually assaulted or treated in discriminatory and sexist ways because it portrays such treatment and abuse as normal and acceptable;
 - it is degrading and humiliating to women, and trivializes women's unequal treatment in society, making it harder for us to achieve justice in economic, legal or political spheres;
 - it glamorizes the use of children as sexual objects, and teaches men that child sexual abuse, incest and child prostitution are acceptable forms of entertainment.
- Demand personal and corporate responsibility
- Use economic threats - you can make the company aware that you will boycott them personally and publicly which will at least raise apprehension about their public image
- Suggest positive alternatives - share your vision of what non-sexist non-violent media is like.
- State your demands explicitly - e.g. remove a billboard, stop an advertising program, publish an apology;
- Send your letter to all concerned - e.g. "cc" at bottom and list individuals and organizations you send a copy to - the more the better!
- Involve friends, neighbors, family and colleagues in your effort. They can sign your letter, or better, write one of their own.

ANY LETTER WRITTEN IS BETTER THAN NO LETTER AT ALL!

* This packet is worth its price of \$3.50, or you can join for \$15/yr, support the organization, and get the Media Protest packet and a subscription to WAVPM Newpage. SEND your money to WAVPM, PO Box 14614, SF, CA 94114

Founders say:

It's high time to mainstream Women's Studies

BY MATT SEIDEN

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WHEN SARA COULTER and Elaine Hedges were getting their Ph.D.s in English in the 1960s, most of the literature they read was written by men. They didn't think there was anything strange about it.

That's just the way it was: Most of the world's great books, like most of the world's great works of art and most of the world's great scholarly, scientific and historic accomplishments seemed to have been created by men. Virtually no one questioned it.

When Professor Coulter suggested creating a course in women's literature, a male colleague said, "The next thing you know we'll be teaching a course in children's literature!"

But in the late '60s and early '70s Women's Studies programs began springing up all over the country. Among the first was the program at Towson State University here, which was organized by Professor Coulter and Professor Hedges. It included a course on women's literature.

Students could now learn something about women in history, art and books. The rest of the university, however, could continue to go about its business, virtually untouched by academia's concession to the women's movement.

Now, more than a decade later, with Women's Studies well-established here and at more than 400 other universities across the country, with feminist scholars re-evaluating the contributions of women in almost every field of human endeavor, women like Coulter and Hedges say Women's Studies programs are no longer enough.

"They say the time has come for 'mainstreaming.' Mainstreaming means taking the results of a decade of scholarship in Women's Studies and putting some of the new information into mainstream college courses. In effect, this means rewriting most of the basic liberal arts courses in the university. It means re-educating the professors who teach those courses. And it means requiring all undergraduates to learn something about the accomplishments of women.

This is no small order, but Coulter and Hedges say Women's Studies is already being "mainstreamed" successfully at a growing number of universities, and they are about to take the first step in that direction at Towson, Md. The first step will be a series of voluntary workshops for history professors this semester. The workshops will suggest ways of putting women back into history. Similar workshops will follow for teachers in other disciplines.

Some examples of the new perspective:

"We've always taught the American Revolution as the dawn of an era of new freedom, but that freedom was mainly for men," Hedges says. "Women actually lost freedom. Before the revolution, under British common law, there was more flexibility for women, but statutory law as it developed in America discriminated

against women. More women owned their own businesses and worked outside the home before the revolution than after the revolution. We've learned this by checking historical and legal records. The records have always been there, but no one ever looked before.

"Or take pioneer women. We have always read about the pioneer men 'taking their wives and children out West.' No one ever talked about pioneer women. Now we know that pioneer women actually did more work than pioneer men. Absolutely. It's been quantified from letters and diaries. Women did indoor and outdoor work, but men never did indoor work. Men relaxed after supper, but women worked five or six more hours before they went to bed."

"In psychology, 90 to 95 percent of all research in human behavior has been done on males, and that research has been used to define what's 'normal.' If women behave differently they're considered 'deviant.' The new research focuses on the psychology of women.

"In art, the major art history text used in most universities for a generation or more covers 2,000 years of art history without including a single woman artist. Why not? For most of human history women were not allowed to study human anatomy. So instead of painting nudes, they had to do still life paintings and textiles and quilts, and the critics, who were men, defined those art forms 'minor genres'.

"Similarly in literature, the critics defined diaries and letters as minor genres.

Women's Studies was one of two issues raised by NOW at UH members at the Student Association (SA) Officer Candidates' Review. Ms. Phillips' (candidate for VP) response to our question about developing Women's Studies at UH: "I definitely feel that 'we' (SA and NOW at UH) should work to implement more Women's Studies at UH. She added that she was aware of the disadvantages of being a woman and being a black woman. Cheryl and Steve Parker were elected with 1200 votes. Coming in second were Karen Whitney and Rudy Neil with 600 votes.

Rossann Dumas

but diaries and letters are all most women had time to write. Now we are discovering some great writing in those forms.

"In economics, they never even measured the economic value of housework, child care and volunteer work, which effectively wrote most women right out of the gross national product.

"And in science, for years we accepted Freud's theory that all women envied men, and we accepted Darwin's belief that male attributes like courage and brute strength were better adapted to survival than female attributes. But new research suggests that it took a lot more than just going out and killing to survive.

"In primitive hunting-gathering societies, for example, modern research has now established that male hunters waste a lot of time waiting to make a killing and end up bringing in only about 20 percent of the protein, while the female gatherers bring in 80 percent of the protein in the form of roots and nuts. And all this time we've been fooled by the chest-beating and bravado of the hunter-killers."

I asked Coulter and Hedges if the chest-beaters of academia were likely to accept the idea that they've been teaching their students wrong all these years.

"It took thousands of years to get to where we are now," Hedges said. "You're not going to change everything overnight. You work with those who are willing to work with you, and you wait for the others to retire."

I think they call that evolution.

NEW YORK (UPI) — Five U.S. companies Thursday were awarded plastic pigs for advertising campaigns a feminist group considers insulting to women.

Women Against Pornography also bestowed the Ms. Liberty "Libby" award to three other companies whose ads were deemed to be favorable.

Group spokeswoman Francis Patal criticized some advertisers for "consistently ignoring or ridiculing older women, women of color, disabled women, large women and lesbians — those women who do not conform to the limited and biased feminine ideal of advertising."

Plastic pigs went to:

■ Cotler's Pants for an ad showing a fully clothed man standing over a scantily clad woman.

■ Hane's stockings for ads showing men ogling women's legs.

■ Maidenform for ads portraying undressed women in public places next to fully clothed men.

■ Guy Laroche for Fidji perfume ads depicting a woman's neck encircled by a snake.

■ Christian Dior for ads featuring two well-dressed men named Oliver and The Wizard and a scantily clad woman called "The Mouth."

Receiving the Ms. Liberty awards — a framed plaque — for non-sexist advertising favorable to women were the Ford Motor Co., Multifoods and the Eastman Kodak Co.

Ford received Women Against Pornography's award for excellence for its ads showing a confident, middle-aged black woman welder.

Multifoods took second place for its Kretschmer Wheat Germ ad showing an active athletic older woman.

Eastman Kodak was in third place for its ad of a young black woman hurdler.

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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION!

During the last session of the Texas Legislature, feminists had to use their energies just to maintain the status quo - to defeat anti-choice legislation. This session a more offensive position is possible. Some feminists have developed their own bills to present to the legislators. Attorney Michol O'Connor has proposed a package of changes which is being presented during this session. These changes will probably need our active support if they are to pass. Therefore a brief outline of her proposals follows. If you would like a complete copy of these proposals call Jo Ann at 741-4009. If you have an opinion on them (re: chapter action) or need additional information please call me (Jeanne) 726-9828.

- Places rape in the assault category of the Penal Code. The advantages to this are that it re-enforces rape as a crime of violence, not of passion, and combines it with other forms of sexual abuse. It would also eliminate the current Texas language which makes it impossible for a husband to rape his wife and would make the law non-gender specific.
- Abolishes Alienation of Affection as a just cause for legal suits. It would prohibit the marriage partners filing suit against a third party for loss of the spouse.
- Abolishes fault grounds for divorce. This would add Texas to the list of sixteen states which only permit no-fault divorce. Theoretically, this makes divorce laws more fair, but it is of concern to some feminists because they fear that women have received even less than usual in divorce settlements guided by no-fault principles.
- Create laws governing "palimony" in an effort to provide an "equitable way of establishing rights and responsibilities between co-habiting adults."
- Repeal Section 21.06. This section of the Penal Code makes sexual intercourse between two people of the same sex illegal. It has been held unconstitutional by one federal district court in Texas but that ruling is only binding in that district. Therefore, 21.06 is still technically enforceable in other areas of Texas. There are 22 states which have already de-criminalized homosexual intercourse between consenting adults.

Representative Debra Danburg is among the co-sponsors for these bills. They are believed to have a good chance for passage. If you agree with these stands, go ahead and get involved. We will be discussing them at our next meeting.

Jeanne Sommerfeld

GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS CONCERNING TEXAS TEXTBOOKS (sequel to "BETTY JUDGE TO THE RESCUE ...!")*

The bad news is that Civics: Citizens and Society, (published by McGraw Hill) has been adopted by the Texas State Board of Education after all. Apparently the Board would have had to reject all five of the civics books in order to remove this one from the adoption list. Though there was a valiant effort to reject them at least temporarily, the motion failed. Only seven books in the last 11 years have been changed or deleted as a result of appeals to the State Board. It appears that the Board relies on the Textbook Committee to make the decisions and then hesitates to make changes. Joe Kelly Butler, chairman of the Board for the last eight years admitted that he hadn't read but two pages in any one of the books.

It is interesting to note the progression of interest McGraw Hill displayed regarding this petitioner's case. Their July response to the bill of particulars (objections) indicated a certain amount of underestimation. At the hearing before the Textbook Committee in August only company representatives were present and they relied on their written response. At the November hearing before the State Board, covered extensively by the media, even international press, two company representatives and the author appeared and actually used their rebuttal time. The author claimed the quotations (objected to in the petition) were taken out of context. He used as his defense the fact that he got them from a Texas newspaper. At the February Board Meeting, the usual male representative introduced a female representative to Board members. She made it clear that she would be staying for the entire three days and confronted Dr. Virginia Currey, a board member, in the women's room to let her know that the section on the female president* was put there to favor women and that one of the writers of the book was "a member of the NOW organization." Dr. Currey, though stating she was dissatisfied with the books because of the absence of women, added that "in all politics, I guess in all the decisions we make there's often trade off. I'm not satisfied with these books completely but I am even more concerned that the kids will have to read books that are probably already 10 years out of date."

The good news is that some big changes are being made in the selection process. Due to pressure from the People for the American Way and others such as the Texas Council for Science Education, petitioners will be allowed to write bills of particulars in favor of books and will be able to criticize other petitioner's objections. Just as important is the change which allows lay persons to be advisors to the Textbook Committee. The Committee is required by law to vote according to the recommendations of their advisors for the first ballot. Until now, these advisors were experts in a subject concerned with curriculum. Now lay persons concerned with general sections of the proclamation* such as those regarding discrimination and stereotyping, will also be advisors, and there is a minimum requirement of one per subject area. It is a source of consolation that Board members who observed November hearings became concerned with their results enough to recommend changes in the process to address issues previously ignored or overlooked.

Betty Judge

* See story in February issue of Horizons.

The effort reported here and in the last issue did not come cheap. Betty has invested countless volunteer hours and over \$700 in expenses to help end the mind-crippling sexism taught our children in the public schools. We all owe her a great debt, of gratitude at least, and if any members share her concern but can't contribute time, help with her expenses would be a real contribution to the struggle.

Jo Ann Evansgardner

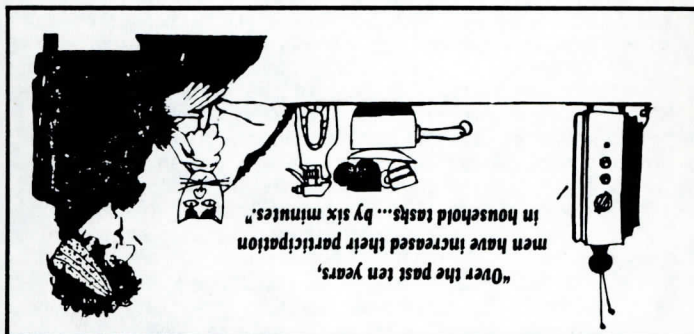
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APRIL NEWSLETTER PLANNING CALENDAR
(all NOW members welcome)
March
Fri 18 3 pm Creating and helping each other write, UC
Tue 22 5:30pm Articles due at Chapter Business meeting, UC
Fri 25 9am-3pm Typesetting - call Jo Ann (741-4009) to schedule your typing.
3pm Layout, final decisions. Jo Ann's house.
Wed 30 7:30pm Collating, Mailing, issue discussions - open to all. Jo Ann's house.

MARCH 1983 FEMINIST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun 6 9:45am Dr. Wanda Mott - Women talking with a woman doctor about their bodies. 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin (at Southmore)

Sun 6 2pm Gay Pride Week planning - Kindred Spirits

Sun 6 24 hrs KPFT - 90.1 FM Feminist Programming

Sun 6 1-6pm Open House Women's Day at KPFT Radio, 419 Lovett Blvd

Every Sunday 1-4:30 A Place for Women's Health in the Community, The Montrose Clinic at 104 Westheimer, for more information call Lynn at 528-5535.

Mon 7 through Fri 11 Women's History Week at UHCC, Daily Brown Bag Lunches and Lectures. All meetings at A.D. Bruce Religion Center

Mon 7 noon Steven Mintz, History Dept. UH, "New Directions for Women in History".

Tue 8 noon Nancy Edwards, Anthropology, Houston Community College, "Women Before History".

Wed 9 noon Pauline Kolenda, Anthropology Dept. UH, "Women in the History of Anthropology".

Thu 10 noon Betty La Duke, Professor of Art at Southern Oregon State College, "Latin America: Women, Art and Social Change".

Fri 11 noon Dianna A Redburn, Dept of Neurobiology and Anatomy, and Naomi Kraus-Friedmann, Physiology and Cell Biology, UT Medical School, Houston. "History of the Association for Women in Science"

Fri 11 8 pm Jan Radway, "Women, Domestic Fiction, and the Romance" 301 Sewall Hall, Rice

Sun 13 9:45am Sue Verso, "Love, Addiction and Relationships" 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin

Tue 15 5:30 NOW at UH Business Mtg., UC

Thur 17 8pm Delores Hayden, "The Grand Domestic Revolution: Feminist Designs for American Homes" 110 Rayzor Hall, Rice University.

Sat 19 10am The Pageant of American Women: From Colonial Times to the Civil War, 1st Unitarian Church 5210 Fannin. For more information call Deborah at 681-9507 or Peggy at 522-4468.

Sat 19 6pm Hazelwitch Productions: Dinner at Treebeards Restaurant + films "A Comedy in Six Unnatural Acts" & "The Pit of Loneliness" Tickets at Wilde & Stein and from producers. \$10

Sun 20 9:45 Michol O'Connor, Atty, Legislation on a redefinition of rape as an assault. 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin (at Southmore)

Tue 22 5:30 NOW at UH Program Mtg., UC (to be announced)

Wed 23 noon NOW at UH Program Mtg., UC (to be announced)

Fri 25 8pm Catherine Stimpson "Cricket's Laughter, Thunder's Tongue" 301 Sewall Hall, Rice

Sun 27 9:45am Denise O'Doherty RN, "Women and Choices Concerning Psychotherapy & Mental Health", 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin

Wed 30 11am NOW at UH Information Tables, UC Front

Thur 31 11am NOW at UH Information Tables, Satellite, IF INTERESTED IN STAFFING INFO. TABLES PLEASE CALL ROSSANN AT 749-4142 AFTER 6PM.



A Celebration of

Women's History Week

March 7 - 11, 1983 11:30am - 1pm

A.D. Bruce Religion Center, *upstairs lounge (2nd Floor)*

Mon., March 7 - Dr. Steven Mintz, Prof. History at UH

“New Directions for Women in History”

Tue., March 8 - Nancy Edwards, Instr. of Anthropology

“Women Before History”

Wed., March 9 - Pauline Kolenda, Prof. of Anthropology at UH

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Thurs., March 10 - Betty La Duke, Prof. of Art

“Latin America: Women, Art, & Social Change”

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& Anatomy & Dr. Naomi Kraus-Friedmann, Assoc.
Prof. of Physiology & Cell Biology

“History of the Organization of Women in Science”

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Presidents' Column

NOW/UH has exciting programming scheduled for the fall semester. On September 8th, our first film presentation *American Woman: Portrait of Courage*, guest speaker JoAnn Evansgardner, following the showing. On September 21st, our first Brown Bag meeting for the fall semester is on Feminist Consciousness Raising with guest speaker, Debora Bell from Spring Branch/Memorial NOW. Our business meetings are scheduled on the first Sunday of each month at 6 pm at the Judicial Room at the UC center. I urge our readers to try to attend the business meetings. At the July 13th NOW/UH business meeting, Madeline Mauk, Jeanne Sommerfeld, and I were present. We talked about the direction and priorities NOW/UH will take in the coming year. Program meetings to educate on feminist issues is a priority for NOW/UH. In addition, actions are equally important. The members present agreed that the following actions should be focused on at UH central campus: the sale of pornographic magazines at the UC, the sexist advertisements in the *Daily Cougar* and measures for a safer campus during night hours. If you can spend just a short time on any of these issues lets join together to create changes. Anyone interested should contact Madeline Mauk, Helen Ortiz, or me so we can set-up committees.

At our October 9th Business Meeting, NOW/UH will have elections of officers for the coming year. Positions open will be president, secretary, membership, treasurer, fundraiser and newsletter editor. So far, I'm aware that Helen Ortiz will run for president and Jeanne Sommerfeld for membership. I have expressed a desire to run for editor of *Herizons*. However, I prefer to work as assistant to the editor and encourage anyone who would like a challenge as editor of *Herizons* to contact me with any questions you may have. *Herizons* purpose is to inform on feminist issues and events in our community. Commentaries, letters, graphics, poetry, and other pieces of information of feminist interest are always welcomed from anyone who wants to contribute.

I mentioned in August *Herizons* the idea of having a dinner with a film presentation at the Black Eyed Pea in September. I called the owner many times but was unsuccessful in contacting him. I learned thru other sources that he seemed interested. Time is running out for the dinner in September, but if people still feel it's a good idea, we could schedule the event for later on in the semester. Call me if you'd like to work on this as a fundraiser for our chapter.

I would like to welcome the new NOW/UH members: Karen Kucker, Cynthia MacDonald, and Jan Murphy.

In the August *Herizons* we enclosed a form for you to fill in along with a map of the UH campus. In the form there are a variety of areas that you can work on to make this chapter an effective one. Most tasks don't require much time. We need people who will post program flyers on their way to class. Will you help?

RossAnn Daumas
NOW/UH PRESIDENT

The September meeting will be held on the third Sunday (9-18-83) at the Women's Center, 4 Chelsea Blvd, 5-7pm. This will be a program meeting and a pot-luck supper.

The speaker will be Regina Pongrass, President of Katy NOW. This summer she travelled alone from Moscow to Nakhodka on the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

Please bring any of your family and friends who would like to hear about her feminist adventures.

Special thanks to: Ross Ann Daumas, Janet Fisher, and Mary Lou French for filling in at the very last minute in the Pageant of American Women. An extra oak leaf to Janet for her help with the August Newsletter.

Peggy Hall, President
MONTROSE AREA HOUSTON NOW

WOMEN'S TRUTH SQUAD ON REAGAN

In the August *Herizons* we informed you of the formation of the *Women's Truth Squad on Reagan* and included a part of the report on Reagans' policies. This report is available for people to read in the NOW/UH office files.

I would like to give you more information regarding this program which was sent to us by the National NOW office.

Everyday it becomes more clear: Ronald Reagan directly threatens women's well being and progress, not only as individuals but as organized movements for womens' equality. He has also eaten away at the funding base for advocacy groups. He has attempted to increase FBI surveillance and to undermine the Freedom of Information Act itself.

As NOW members, we must make sure that the public, and women in particular, are fully informed about the Reagan policies, their devastating impact on women, and the danger represented by four more years of his presidency. The *Womens' Truth Squad on Reagan* was created for this purpose.

The following are components which the Truth Squad Report included:

1. Shadowing/picketing Reagan wherever he goes.
2. Collecting signatures on petitions to Reagan.
3. Disseminating Reagans' record widely to public.
4. White House picket thru August 24th.
5. Press statements and responses to actions and statements by Reagan and his officials.
6. Speaking tour beginning in the fall...more details later.

Of all these components, NOW/UH and other NOW Houston chapters can focus on 1,2, and 3.

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TEXAS TEXTBOOK HEARINGS

The Texas State NOW Education Task Force made an impressive show on August 1st at the Texas Textbook Review Hearings that were held in Austin. The strength behind the Task Force was Chairperson Polly Austin, Dallas County NOW, whose presentations reflected the need to end sexist patterns in textbooks used in our public school systems.

The Hearings on day one went extremely fast for various reasons. Only a few questions were asked by the Review Committee and the Publishers' present at the hearings had short presentations. Valuable presentations were given throughout the hearings by long time challenger of the Texas Textbook Adoption Process, Elizabeth Judge. The most impressive petitioning in the area of Mathematics was given by Bay Area NOW member Janice Brooks, whose focus was not only on the sexist contents in those particular books but on the racism reflected by the authors. Applause goes to these women and the other petitioners that included Mitzi Sides of Houston Area NOW, Polly Austin, and Helen Ortiz of NOW at U of H, whose dedication to end sexism in textbooks deserves recognition.

The presence of the NOW EDUCATION TASK FORCE made a great impact. We made our position to end sexism well known to the Texas Education Board, the Review Committee, to the media, and in turn, to the public. Even though the review committee appeared uninterested in the issues at hand, they were listening for as Janice and I made our way through the crowd during break, we overheard members of the this committee comment (seriously) on the fact that the sign of the ladies room had to be changed to "women" — HOW ABOUT THAT!

Helen Wilma Ortiz

RACE FOR NOVEMBER

NOW at U.H. held a voter registration drive, Race for November, during fee payment on Wednesday and Thursday, August 25 & 26. Volunteers obtained sponsors to pledge various amounts for each voter registered. Some sponsors of course had to limit the total that they would be able to contribute. Great appreciation goes to those members who worked very hard and registered a total of 688 voters: Sarah Cossette Clarkson, Lucretia Copeland, Rossann Daumas, JoAnn Evansgardner, Cindy Funderburke, and Jeanne Sommerfeld. We would also like to thank Vivian Montejano who volunteered to help at the earlier scheduled drive and unfortunately was not contacted with the new Schedule. (Apologies from Jeanne!) We would like to thank those people who sponsored our volunteers for a total of \$70-2.55: Cris Branch, Karen Davis, Bill Funderburke, Peggy Funderburke, David Gaar, Gerry Gardner, Suzanne Gordon, Bonnie Huval, David Jurgens, Delle Kemner, Laura Linn, Jane Lohmann, Lyn McCoy, Heidi McMunn, Madeline Mauk, Regina Pongrass, Mary Robuck, G.K. Sprinkle, Paul Szotsak, Kenny Yung, and Jeanne who works at the campus reservation office.

This event was so successful that we will hopefully have another in the coming months. If you are interested in participating (either as a volunteer or as a sponsor) please contact Jeanne Sommerfeld at 667-4403. Not only did we register voters, and raise funds for the chapter, we also generated much good will towards the chapter. Many people who were registered through us said they had been meaning to for some time.

By the way, seven hundred dollars is more than enough money to provide airfare for two chapter delegates to the national conference in Washington, D.C., or produce over 10 issues of Herizons, or finance advertising for numerous programs. In other words, enough money to make effecting political and social change a little easier to do.

Madeline Mauk

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION FORM

NOW at the University of Houston
(Please check blanks as appropriate for you)

1. I wish to join the National Organization for Women, NOW at the University of Houston (Dues for NOW are on a sliding scale from \$11 to \$40. This amount is divided among the Chapter, Texas NOW, and our National. Please send an amount for your dues according to your circumstances.)

2. Enclosed are my dues in the amount of \$ _____.
Make your check payable to
NOW at UH (and send to us at)
Box 509, UC 4800 Calhoun Houston, TX, 77004

3. I do not want to join NOW at this time, but I would like to subscribe to this Newsletter. Enclosed is \$5 for one year's subscription (next 11 issues.)

4. I would like to talk to someone to get more information about NOW. Best time to call is _____ at _____.

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

TOWN, STATE, ZIP _____

Here is my precinct number from my voter registration card. I wish to be contacted when my particular legislators should hear from me on feminist issues.

Home phone _____ Other _____ (hours) _____

UH Campus mail address _____ Campus Phone _____

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Amount enclosed: National _____ TX _____ Montrose _____
Please request reduced dues or _____ total _____
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Houston TX 77006

*Renewals: Send your renewal notices and \$40 (or special dues) for national, state and local directly to the National NOW office. Be sure to mark on your renewal notice that you wish to be a member of MONTROSE NOW by placing 0425 in the box for chapter choice.

TITLE IX UNDER REAGAN-ATTACK

TITLE IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 states that: No person in the United States shall on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

This passage seems fairly straightforward and was left deliberately general by Congress to allow comprehensive and broad application. However, the Reagan administration is working to limit application of Title IX to programs which receive direct federal funding.

The Reagan administration's narrow interpretation is contrary not only to the intent of Congress but also to the position of all previous administrations including Nixon's & Ford's.

The Reagan administration has filed an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of Grove City College vs. Bell. Grove City has lost at the previous levels and is now appealing to the Supreme Court in order to avoid compliance with Title IX.

On August 8, 48 members of the House of Representatives and 3 senators also filed an amicus curiae brief - but they were supporting the Congress' original broad interpretation of Title IX.

In addition, Senator Bob Packwood is co-sponsoring Senate Resolution 149, which would affirm that Title IX "should not be amended in any manner which will lessen the comprehensive coverage of such title in eliminating gender discrimination throughout the American educational system."

Retaining broad interpretation of Title IX is essential to ending discrimination in education. It is one of the few legislative means available to the federal government to prevent discrimination on the basis of sex in schools. Please write your U.S. Representative* and Senators today, urging their support of this resolution.

Jeanne Sommerfeld

* SR 149 was also introduced in the House.

WOMEN'S TRUTH SQUAD ON REAGAN

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National NOW has sent NOW/UH an action kit, designed to facilitate implementation of the Truth Squad. We hope you are as enthusiastic about this idea as we are and will volunteer to work on this.

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a petition form. Make as many copies as you will need and when completed mail or bring them to us at: NOW/UH, Box 509 UC, 4800 Calhoun, Houston, Texas, 77004.

In addition to this, if you would like to picket when Reagan is in town, let us know now, so we can call on you when we know the date of his arrival. Picketing does not take as much time as you may think and is, in fact, lots of fun.

As I have mentioned earlier, an in-depth report on Reagans' policies is available to you the the NOW/UH office. You may make as many copies as you like. This information will help you inform others about Reagans' record on womens' issues.

Please don't hesitate to call me with any questions. I have with me specific ideas on how to do mentioned actions. I would like to thank National NOW for sending us this excellent action kit. This is an example of the ways National NOW helps the local chapters into staying up to date with the realities that face the women of this country.

Rossann Daumas

PEOPLE UNITED, CANNOT BE DEFEATED

On a warm August morning, 500 people from different organizations gathered together to join hands, carry signs, sing chants for Jobs, Peace, and Freedom. The march through Houston's downtown streets was proclaimed that as a society still living in the mist of sexism, racism, poverty, and violence, "We Still Have A Dream" to be free from all these obstacles - A Dream that was delivered to the nation on August 27, 1963 by the late Dr. Martin Luther King.

The Houston March carried on the spirit that was being reflected throughout the country. Thousands marched to the Lincoln Memorial once again to commemorate the great march to Washington of 1963. Every person who marched on this day shared a common dream. But the reality is that a march alone cannot change the conditions of our society. For one day we marched together and made a clear statement that will not be ignored by the government. What will happen tomorrow? We all have our own individual dreams and will fall short of some of them. To share the same dream of peace, freedom, and equality, is to work together towards those goals. Let's remember the chant we sang as we marched through the streets of our cities, "People United, Cannot Be Defeated".

NOW Chapters that participated locally included Spring Branch/Memorial, Houston Area, Montrose, Katy, and Bay Area. U of H NOW was represented by the following members that I know of: Rossann Daumas, Jo Ann Evansgardner, Gerry Gardner, Jane Harris, Madeline Mauk, Helen Ortiz, Jeanne Sommerfeld, and Connie Vasquez.

Special recognition goes to the following NOW members who took an active part in the Human Fellowship Coalition (Organizers of the Local March) and whose presence had large effect on decision making and perhaps more importantly on the minds of the other members of the coalition. For example, the lack of sexism in language at the rally was noticeable - including "foreparents" instead of the so common "forefathers". Thanks to Linda George Smith, Lucretia Copeland, Helen Ortiz, and Deborah Bell.

Helen Wilma Ortiz

1983 TEXAS NOW CONFERENCE

The 1983 Texas NOW Conference will be held in Corpus Christi on September 9-11 at the Emerald Beach Holiday Inn. The general public as well as members are welcome. NOW state officers will be elected and general business will be discussed. The Conference will examine the political and social influence of feminists today through its theme "We Can Do It NOW!", and examine strategies for campaign work in the upcoming national election.

Workshops will cover issues including insurance, reproductive rights, lobbying your legislature, domestic violence, and consciousness raising. Workshops offered during three sessions will explore a range of issues: "Lobbying Your Legislature" and "How to Take Over Your Precinct" offer training in specific political skills. "Domestic Violence," "Women in Agriculture," and "Sex Discrimination in Insurance" to furnish information in areas where women remain disadvantaged.

Judy Goldsmith will deliver the keynote address on Saturday September 10. Full registrants will enjoy a 2 1/2 hour Saturday night cruise through Corpus Christi Harbor. Kristin Lems, a nationally acclaimed singer will provide musical entertainment. Local artisans and NOW chapter exhibitors will display a variety of items. Child care and alternative housing will be available. Preregistration for NOW members postmarked on or before August 24 is \$30.00. Non-members and late registration will be \$35.00. However all NOW members are allowed to participate in the conference by contributing whatever amount they can afford. Those wishing to attend only the Saturday workshops and speaking sessions may pay \$10.00 for the day. For additional information contact Jeanne Sommerfeld at 667-4403. (NOTE: this is a new number.)

Madeline Mauk

PETITION TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

President Reagan:

We, the undersigned, support the Equal Rights Amendment and join the National Organization for Women in protesting your opposition to it. By opposing the ERA, you are depriving women of the most effective means to win economic equality. Further, we protest your policies and budget proposals which have systematically harmed the women of this nation. We intend to carry our commitment to the Equal Rights Amendment and equality for women into the voting booths in 1984.

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THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION
(full text)

- Section 1. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.
- Section 2. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.
- Section 3. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

Sponsored by the National Organization for Women (NOW), 425 13th St., NW, #1048, Washington, DC 20004

PLEASE TRY AND GET THESE FILLED OUT AND THEN RETURN THEM TO THE CHAPTER BOX OFFICE;

NOW at U.H., BOX 509, U.C.,  UNIV. of HOUSTON, 4800 CALHOUN; HOUSTON 77004

1983 National NOW Conference

The 1983 National NOW Conference is scheduled for September 30-October 2 at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C. and will be an issues conference. The headquarters hotel will be the Washington Hilton, Connecticut Avenue at Columbia Road, NW, Washington, D.C. Additional accommodations will be available in the Highland Hotel located across the street. This year the program, while covering all major issues, will focus on NOW's increased political involvement and electoral strategies for 1984. Topics to be considered will include the presidential election, the gender gap, election of more women to office, general campaign management, and a wide range of specific skill and strategy areas related to the political agenda.

Workshop sessions will cover a wide range of NOW issues, with the emphasis on skills development and action strategies. Resolution hearings provide members with the opportunity to develop and refine policy resolutions prior to their consideration on the floor of the plenary. Since the national conference is NOW's supreme governing body, the resolutions passed in the plenary sessions set policy for the organization. Displays in the exhibit area will feature chapter fund raising lines, feminist businesses, informational and recruiting booths, all with the latest for political activists.

All chapters should now have the delegate selection and verification information sent by the National Credentials Committee in June. Our chapter may have three delegates and one alternate, three votes. We are trying to obtain alternate funding for delegates through pledges, selling posters, and possibly funding from the University. Registration forms for the Conference and hotel reservations are in the most recent National NOW Times. If you are not receiving your National NOW Times or need additional information contact Rossann Dumas at 924-5177.

Madeline Mauk

EXPERIENCE THE WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

EVERY woman should experience The Michigan Women's Music Festival. It is held every year in August for four days and attracts women from all over the country and the world.

It is more than a music festival. It is a community built, run and staffed by women. It has all the necessities such as health care, child care, cafeteria, cold showers, etc.

Workshops are scheduled all day and women with their particular professions can share their knowledge and experience. The night stage offers the best in women's music. Guitar playing and singing continues throughout the night around bonfires.

The energy is female; feminists, lesbians, mothers, daughters, women from all walks of life, gather to create a peaceful and joyful place to live.

In an environment where there was no violence and no fear to walk the roads at night, I was at peace with myself and the people around me. My commitment to advocate non-violent means even in the smallest of incidences grew more than ever. Thinking about oneself is also inevitable in that environment. I was able to be more in touch with my identity and my origins. I have much to thank the women's music festival for.

We Want The Music Collective (WWTMC) wants to purchase the land on which the festival takes place. One way to achieve this is by taking a life-time membership of \$1,000. This entitles one to a lifetime of women's music festivals. (The fee for one festival is \$72 - \$85. In the past here was no profit from the fee since all went for rent, food, maintenance, and musicians fees.)

I must encourage you to go next year to experience for yourself this beautiful place. Cost is minimal, the experience is MAXIMAL!

Rossann Dumas

INSURANCE UPDATE

NOW's actions to eliminate discrimination in insurance has produced an intense reaction from the insurance industry. HR 100 and S372 are both being held in committee. These bills, if enacted, will prohibit discrimination in insurance and pensions on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, and national origin.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE VOTE MAY TAKE PLACE AS EARLY AS THE FIRST OF OCTOBER, with the Senate vote probably later in the session.

Michael Andrews campaigns as an active supporter of women's rights but he is not a co-sponsor of H. R. 100. Special efforts should be made to let him know his error. Those Texas Congressmen who are ERA supporters, but are not sponsoring HR 100 and S372 are John Bryant, J. J. Pickle, Jim Wright, Ronald Coleman, Michael Andrews, and Lloyd Bentsen. These Congressmen need to know our position on the insurance issue. The most effective ways of making our voices heard are sending postcards to and visiting congressmen. A lobby day in Washington DC has been scheduled for Monday, October 3, to take advantage of the fact that thousands of NOW members will be attending the National NOW Conference.

Some messages you might include on your postcards are:

VOTE TO END SEX DISCRIMINATION IN INSURANCE PRICES AND PAYOUTS. VOTE FOR HR100 & S372. DO NOT SUPPORT ANY AMENDMENTS. WOMEN SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO SUBSIDIZE THE PROFITS OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY.

Vote for HR100/S372 and end sex discrimination in insurance practices. Do not support any amendments to the bill. Women can't afford to pay for discrimination in insurance while being paid 59c for each dollar men are paid.

VOTE FOR THE ERA AND THE NONDISCRIMINATION IN INSURANCE ACTS. NO AMENDMENTS. GRANT FULL EQUALITY FOR ALL WOMEN.

Stop unfair discrimination practices in the insurance industry. Vote for HR100 and S372 as drafted. Women deserve full equality.

The above information is from a mailing made by our national office to all chapters. Also included are detailed plans for actions we can take right here. One advantage of a large national group is that it can coordinate actions nationally. BUT, organizer/activists are needed. If this issue appeals to you, call Rossann or Helen to volunteer to help or TAKE CHARGE of the action on campus! It will be a manageable, time limited and rewarding task.

Madeline Mauk

LOCATIONS FOR FALL SEMESTER NOW at UH EVENTS

ALL BUSINESS MEETINGS in JUDICIAL RM, UC

SUNDAY	September	4th	6 pm
"	October	9th*	6 pm
	(on 2nd Sunday because of National NOW conference)		
"	November	6th	6 pm
"	December	4th	6 pm

INFORMATION TABLES

ALL AT UC FRONT, 12 - 2 PM

TUESDAY	September	20th	Information tables are a good way to recruit new members, make announcements about brown bag lunches and agitate for feminist concerns on campus.
"	October	18th	
"	November	15th	

STAFFERS ARE NEEDED FOR TABLES!

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SUN 4 9:45am "Single Parenting" by Womyn - Dr. Karen F. Fraasier-Scott, Women's Group 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin

6pm NOW/UH BUSINESS MEETING. Judicial Room UC. All NOW/UH members welcome.

THUR 8 7:30pm NOW/UH PROGRAM MEETING: "American Woman - Portrait of Courage." Jo Ann Evansgardner, (NOW/UH convenor) will speak after the film on "Feminism and the Story of NOW." Lafitte Rm, UC.

SAT 10 7pm "2nd Music Festival" Sponsor: Houston Area Women's Ctr (HAWC). Musicians are Judy Eron, Nanci Griffith, Alexandra Haas, and Cy Brinson. 528-6798

SUN 11 9:45am "From Spiral to Spear" Susan Lee Libana, artist, will talk on ancient female goddess jewelry and sculpture. Women's group at 1st Unitarian.

SUN 18 9:45am "Defining our issues and our identities in health care." Nellie Gross, MPH, M.D., F.P. Women's Group, 1st Unitarian Church, 5210 Fannin

5-7pm MONTROSE AREA NOW MEETING. Pot-luck Supper. "Travelling Alone on the Trans-Siberian Railroad" Regina Pongrass, Pres. Katy NOW. HAWC, 4 Chelsea Blvd.

TUE 20 12-2pm NOW/UH INFORMATION TABLE - UC Front. Help is needed to staff table. Call us and/or come by.

WED 21 12-1pm NOW/UH BROWN BAG meeting: "Feminist Consciousness Raising" Speaker: Deborah Bell, Spring Branch/Memorial NOW Convenor Satellite UC.

SUN 25 9:45am "Feminist woman's issues in therapy" Nan Dalton, M. S., and Donna Greely. Women's Group, 1st Unitarian.

BROWN BAG LUNCH & DISCUSSION MEETINGS
(ALL Brown Bag Meetings in room off Dining Room in Satellite UC)

WEDNESDAY	September	21st	noon	"Feminist Consciousness Raising" - Deborah Bell
"	October	19	"	"Reproductive Rights Update" - Sammie Cohen
"	November	15th	"	"Status of Women in Economics" - NOW at UH members collective.

Day	Month	Date	Time	Place	Film and Guest Speaker
THURSDAY	September	8th	7:30pm	Lafitte Rm UC	"American Woman: Portrait of Courage" Evansgardner
"	October	13th	7:30	San Jacinto Rm UC	"Some Women of Marrakesh" (Speaker to be announced)
"	November	10th	7:30	"	"Battered Women" - Jeff Basen
"	December	8th	7:30	"	"We've Come a Long Way Maybe" (Speaker to be announced)